

CRATER LAKE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX, BANCER DORMITORY
(William Steel Center, Steel Center)
Monson Valley, Rim Drive off State Hwy. 62
Crater Lake National Park
Crater Lake
Klamath County
Oregon

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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STATE Oregon	COUNTY Klamath	TOWN OR VICINITY Crater Lake
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (include source for name) Crater Lake Administrative Complex, Ranger Dormitory (Historic Building Inventory, 1984)		HABS NO. OR-144-B
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE William Steel Center; Steel Center		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (for rural sites describe location) Munson Valley, Crater Lake National Park, Oregon		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (include source) 1932 (Historic Building Inventory, 1984)	ARCHITECT(S) (include source) designed in 1931; initial "GWN" found on original drawings; designed by NPS Branch of Plans and Designs in San Francisco	
SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structure) see attached sheet		
STYLE (if appropriate) Rustic		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (include structural systems) Stone masonry bearing walls with interior wood framing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (sketched floor plans on separate sheet acceptable) Rectangular; approximately 100' x 36'		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE see attached sheet		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched) see attached sheet		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES see attached sheet		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent; offices for park staff		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Building now houses a visitor contact center, auditorium, offices and research space, storage and restrooms.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (include listing on National Register, State Registers, etc.) Historic Building Inventory, Crater Lake National Park, 1984 (revised in 1988). Draft National Register Nomination for the Historic Resources of Crater Lake National Park, by Pat Erigero, 1984 (revised by Stephanie Toothman in 1988)		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Gretchen Luxenberg, National Park Service	DATE October, 1988	

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SIGNIFICANCE (architectural and historical, include original use of structures)

One of 5 bldgs. begun in 1932 at Crater Lake National Park headquarters in Munson Valley under the supervision of NPS Landscape Architect Merel Sager. Built during the peak period of construction in the park, this structure incorporates construction techniques pioneered by Sager. These include the use of massive boulders for walls, and the use of native materials. The Ranger Dorm is significant architecturally as an excellent example of the NPS Rustic Style of architecture. Historically, it is significant for its associations with the development of Crater Lake National Park, the Civilian Conservation Corps, and Merel Sager.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

1-½ stories; steeply-pitched gable roof covered with hand-split wood shakes; shed and gable-roofed dormers on east; shed-roofed dormers on west; prominent central gable-roofed entrance projects from east facade; interior off center massive stone fireplace; walls constructed of massive stone with brown stained wood bevel siding above at gable ends and in entrance portico; multi-paned steel casement windows with heavy timber lintels above; two main entries (east facade) have doors of heavy plank construction and wrought-iron hardware.

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (describe floor plans if not sketched)

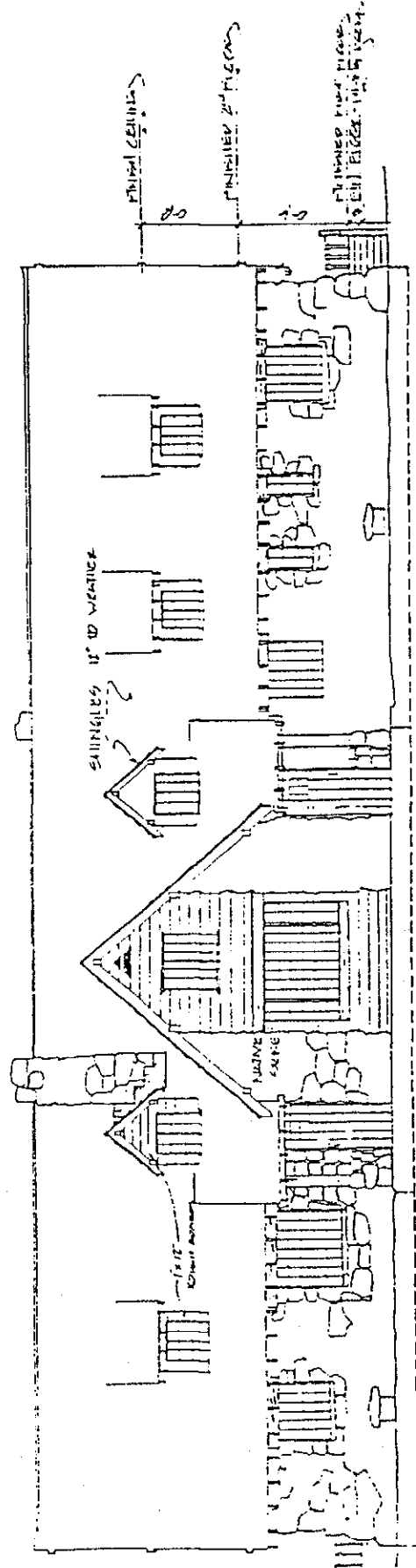
First floor originally housed living quarters for women on the south and men on the north (no interior connection between areas). Main open stair to men's dormitory rooms and washrooms on second floor; interior finish of 1 x 8 T & G for wainscoting 5'6" high with swirl stucco finish plaster above; oak floors in entry and living room; two large cut native stone fireplaces; wrought-iron light fixtures.

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS, WITH DATES

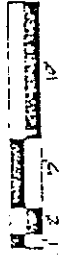
Original wood railing and stone balusters removed from east facade (date unknown); 1935: rear chimney rebuilt; roof strengthened; siding replaced; flagstone porch with log railings and end porches built. 1985-86: complete rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of building; includes a masonry (boulders) snow tunnel on south elevation.

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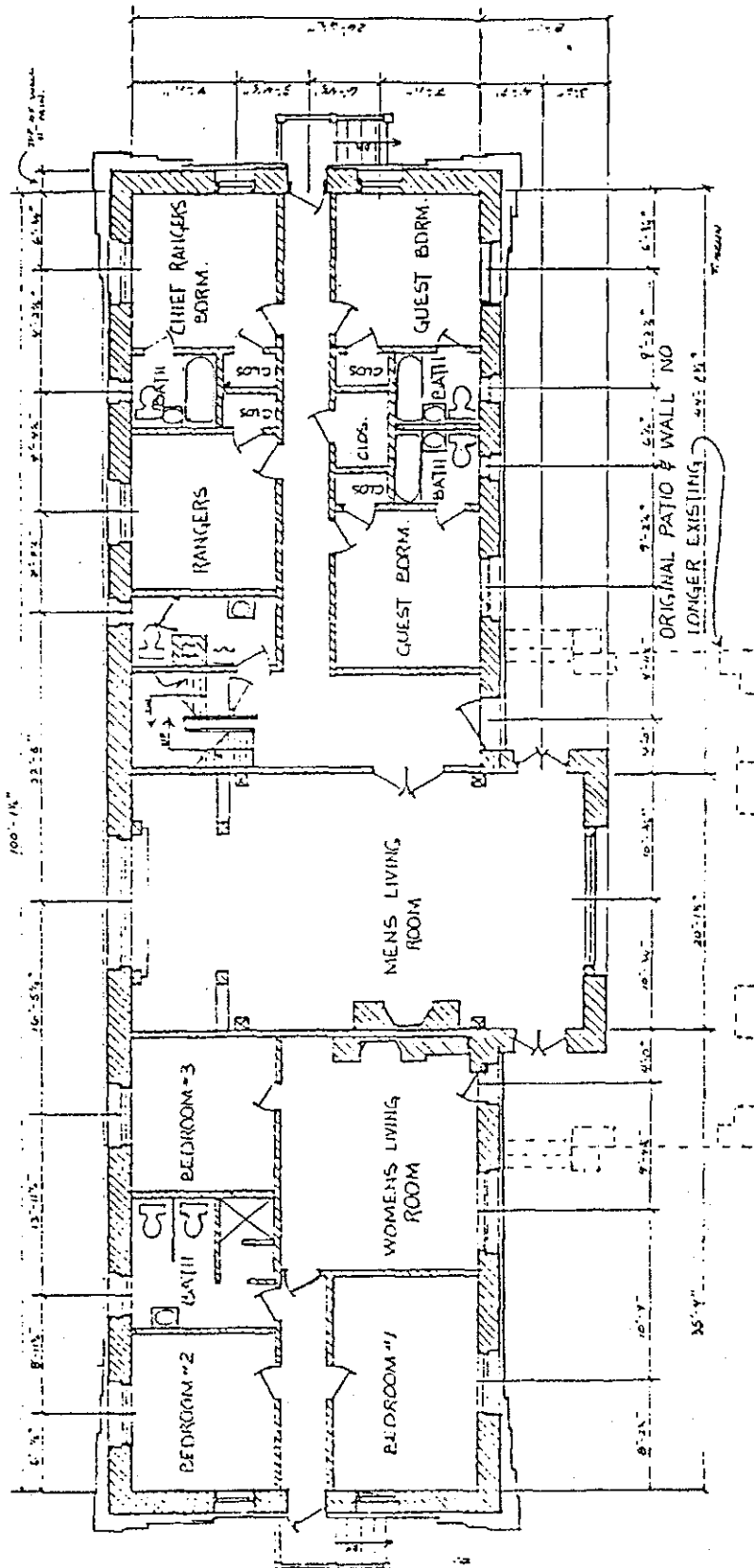


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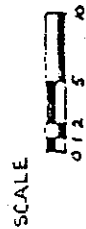


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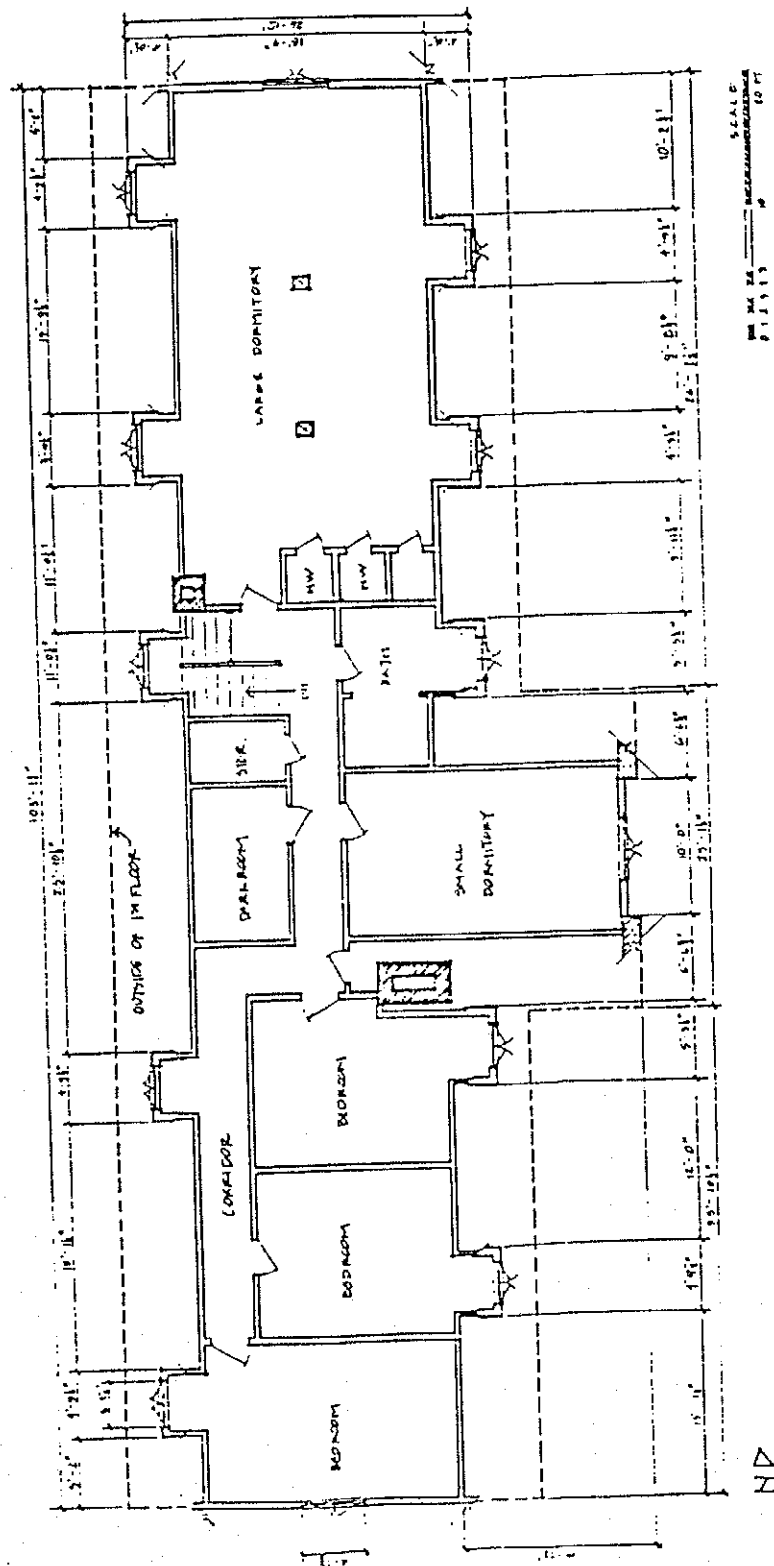
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RANGER DORM
 FIRST FLOOR PLAN

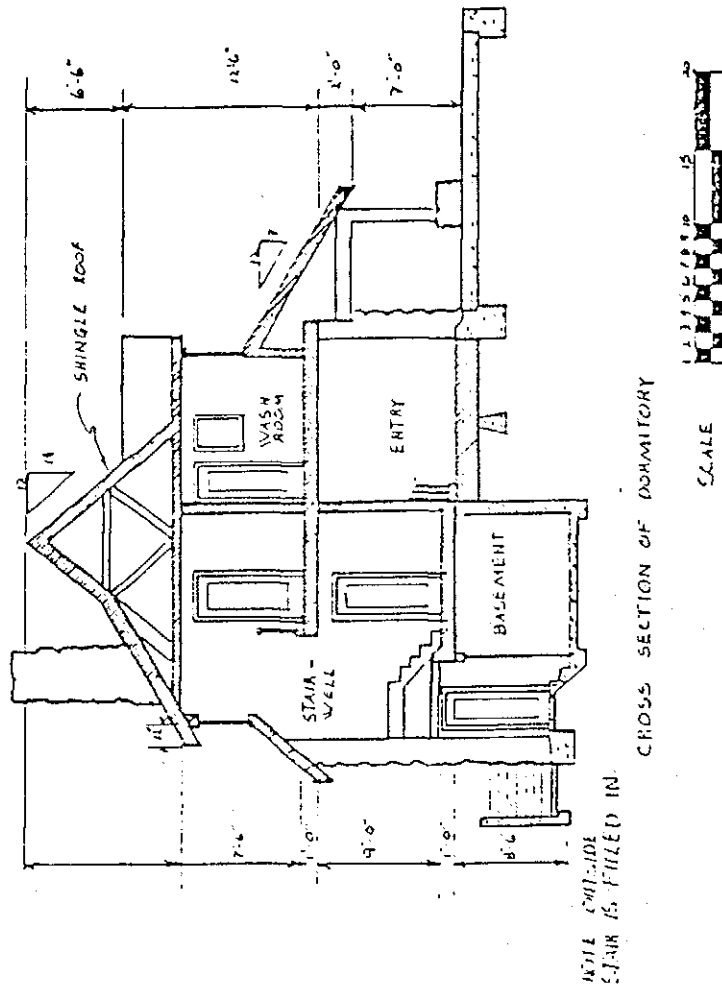


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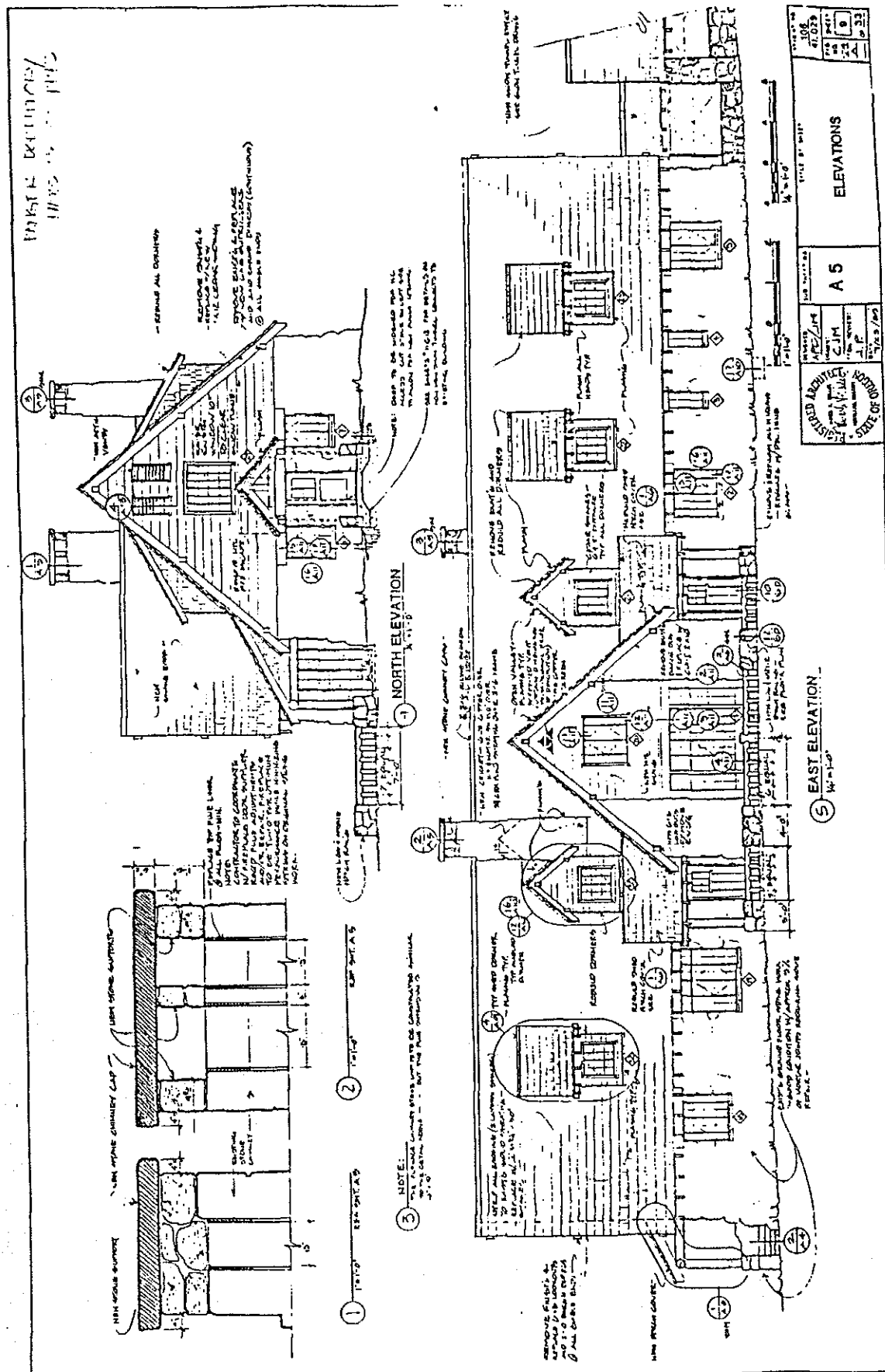
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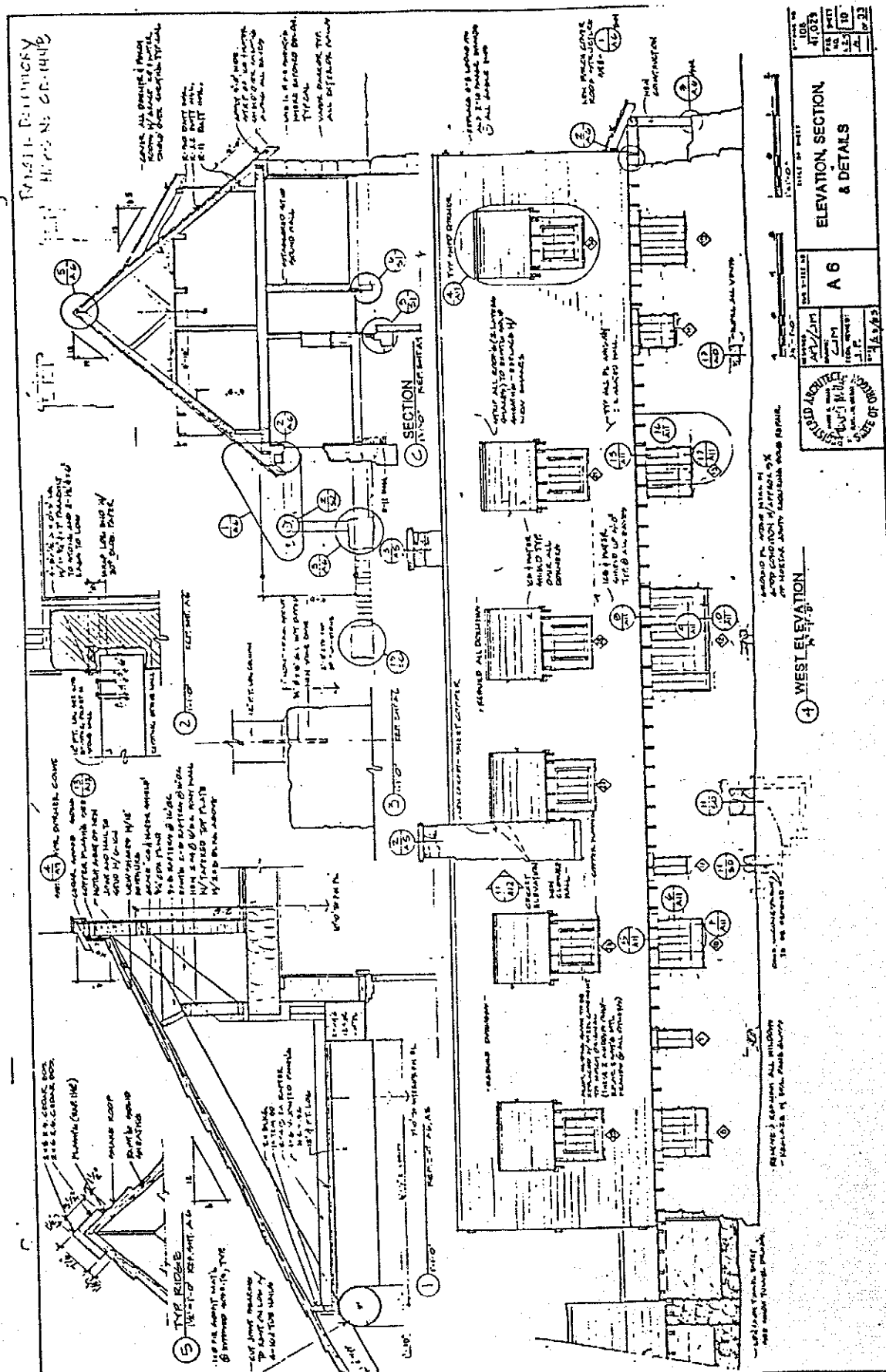


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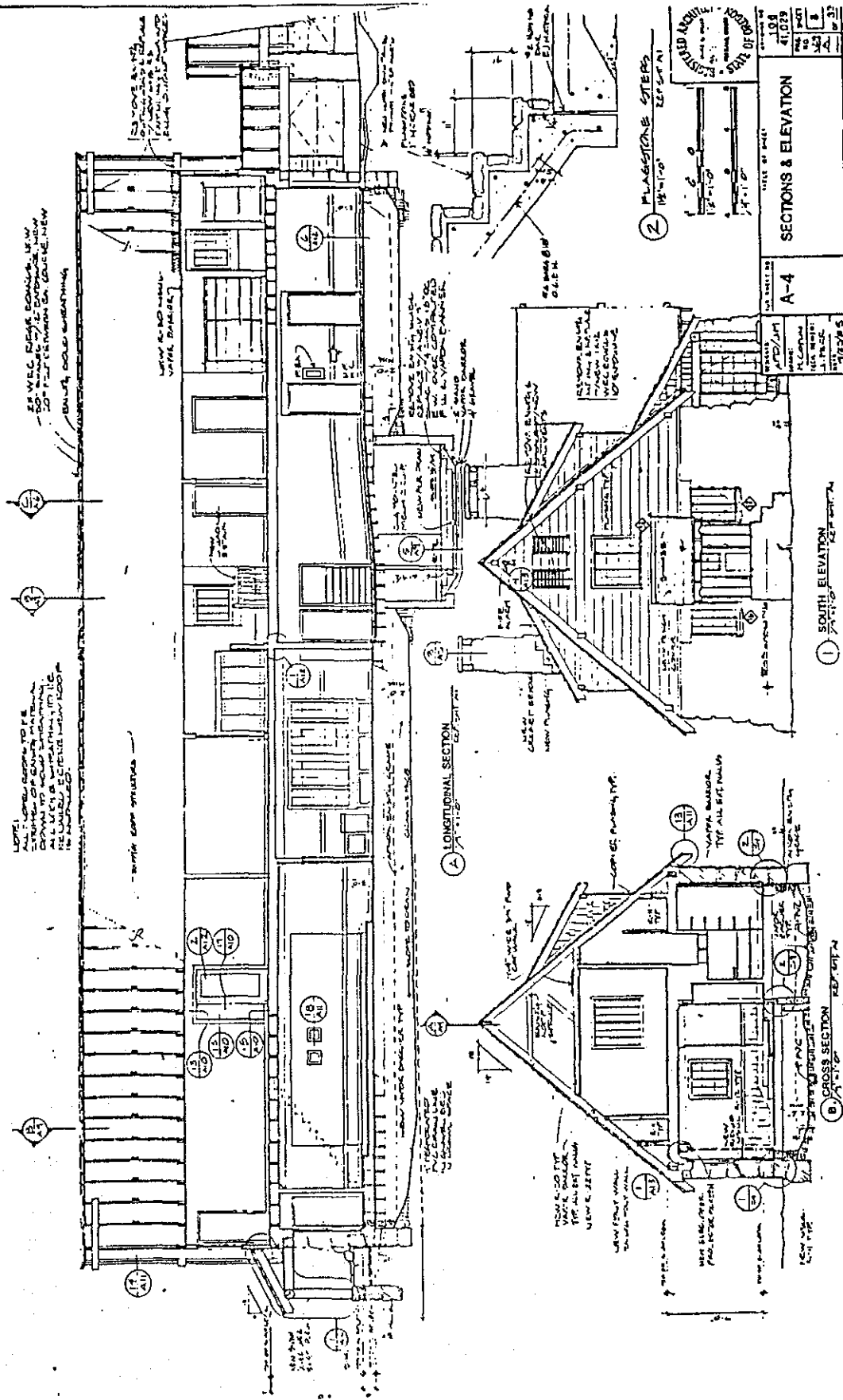


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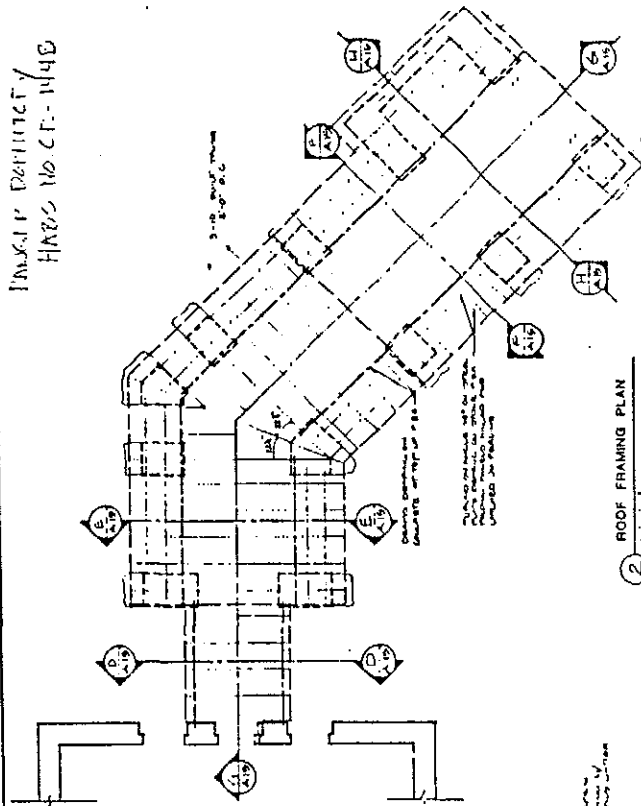
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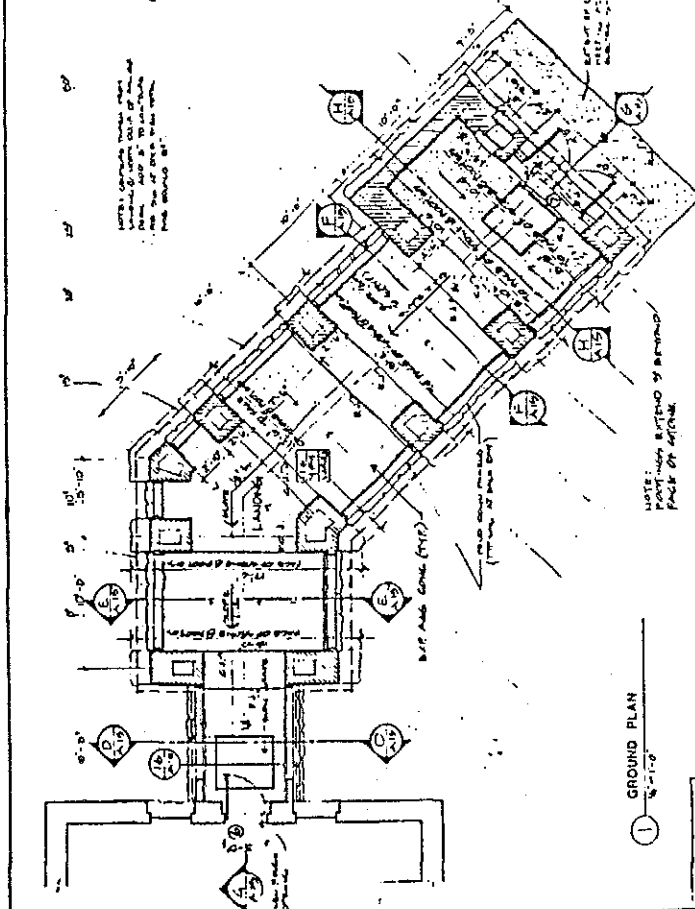


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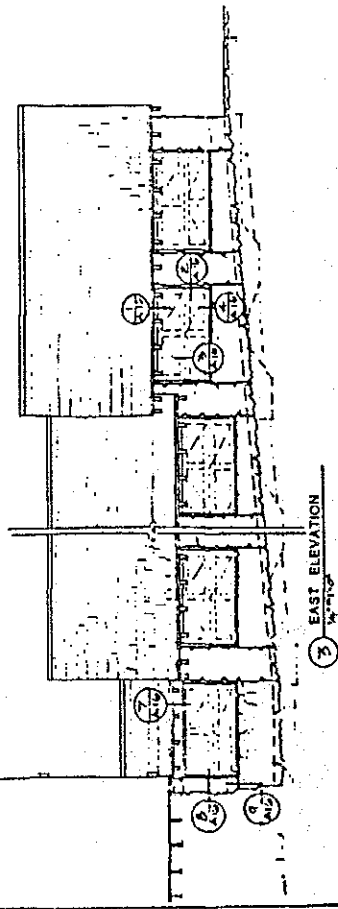
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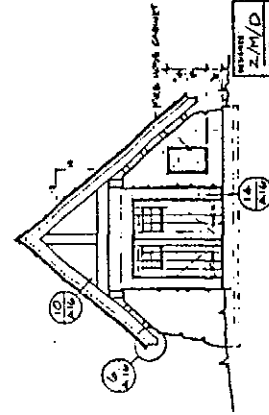
2 ROOF FRAMING PLAN
1/4" = 1'-0"



1 GROUND PLAN
1/4" = 1'-0"



3 EAST ELEVATION
1/4" = 1'-0"



4 NORTH ELEVATION
1/4" = 1'-0"

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